

# CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

communiqué

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## Spring has sprung & there's lots to be done!



The year is in full swing as the National Board and staff continues their work around the completion and planning of key priorities and activities for the upcoming year!

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## Key Dates

**April 6, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – *A Toast to Fifty Years of French Immersion, CPF FSL Awareness Breakfast, Parliament Hill, hosted by the Honourable Mauril Bélanger, M.P.*

**May 5–7, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – *National Board Meeting + Stakeholder Reception*

**May 28, 2016** – Gatineau, Quebec – *National Concours d'art oratoire*

**June 29-30, 2016** – Halifax, NS – *CoED Annual Face-to-Face Meeting*

**August 4–6, 2016** – Fredericton, NB – *National Board Meeting + CPF Member Consultation*

**October 14-15, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – *CPF Conference + Launch of 40th Anniversary Initiative*

**October 16, 2016** – Ottawa, ON – *CPF Annual General Meeting*

## Projects & Activities

### CPF « Affiche ta Franco » Twitter Contest in March

CPF National is already two weeks into its first twitter campaign of the year to celebrate the Journée internationale de la francophonie on March 20th. The <<Affiche ta Franco>> contest, which calls on

Canadian youth to share their Frenchness, is a month long activity geared to heighten awareness around French and its daily use in our lives. Weekly prizes will be awarded to winning participants and at the end one lucky winner will receive a \$2,200 bursary to the Explore program, in Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean.



With only two more weeks until the contest's end Branch participation and support is encouraged in an effort to increase our visibility during the Francophonie month in all regions of Canada with a signature CPF activity.

Contest Calendar: <http://bit.ly/1Tr2oNn>

### A French Toast to Fifty Years of French Immersion – FSL Awareness Breakfast

We're fast approaching CPF National's 'A French Toast to Fifty Years of French Immersion' breakfast scheduled to take place on April 6, 2016. The event will be held on Parliament Hill with the support of the Honourable Mauril Bélanger, M.P. for Ottawa Vanier as a contributing guest host.

The awareness breakfast, in partnership with OCOL, will provide ample opportunity to celebrate 50 years of French Immersion in Canada with special guest speakers, key influencers, stakeholders, and members of the second language education community.

We anticipate the breakfast to be a success and look forward to expanding the project to become a nationwide CPF signature event in time for the 40th anniversary in 2017.

### **National *Concours* Finals**

Planning for the 2016 National *Concours* is underway with additional assistance from Mireille Brownhill, who will be overseeing the coordination of this year's competition confirmed to take place at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Gatineau, QC on May 28.

A new online registration is in the process of being set up for contestants to complete prior to arrival. A major component of the form includes a checklist that finalists will be required to complete to ensure the speech presented is their own "original work" and in compliance with the rules and regulations of the competition. A web meeting with Branch staff regarding *Concours* will be set up for a collective review of the new changes.

### **Membership Survey**



As a reminder to all, CPF National is currently conducting a membership survey; polls will close on March 25, 2016. CPF National has circulated the survey via our social media accounts and email to active CPF members. Branches interested in supporting the initiative are asked to distribute the survey link through appropriate communications channels to Chapters and members at large.

Please note individual survey answers will be kept confidential and will not be distributed to any external parties or vendors. The survey results (without personal identification) will be compiled to support Canadian Heritage reporting program expectations as well as to review CPF programs, benefits, events, advocacy and research as prescribed within our existing PCH contribution agreement.

Membership Survey: <http://svy.mk/1LCPwwe>

## Volunteer Recognition Month



### April is Volunteer Recognition Time

April is Volunteer recognition month and we want to say thank you to our amazing volunteers! We are asking Branches to help us identify 10 volunteers whose tireless

efforts and support has not only benefited the organization but their community at large.

The 10 volunteers will receive a card and small memento of thanks from the National President during National Volunteer Week. Our goal is to share the impact of recognizing 100 key CPF volunteers on our social media channel. Branch participation is voluntary.

Names are requested to be received by March 31, 2016. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with Cheri Nixon at [cnixon@cpf.ca](mailto:cnixon@cpf.ca).

## CEA and Reader's Digest Canada Launch the 2016 Canadian Innovators in Education Awards



*\$40,000 in prizes available to schools and school districts that have influenced lasting change in their education systems.*

When you think of learning do any extraordinary educators come to mind? If the answer is yes, now is the time to recognize their invaluable efforts as leaders in education!

CEA and Reader's Digest have launched the 2016 Canadian Innovators in Education Awards to celebrate and promote educators who are leading lasting and system-changing initiatives at all levels of K-12 education in Canada.

These awards will recognize and showcase the work of teachers, principals and administrators who are developing innovative teaching and learning programs throughout their school districts with a particular focus on improving student engagement and learning.

Deadline for submissions is **May 18, 2016**. For more information or to submit an online application please visit: <http://bit.ly/1J8Rib9>

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